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# Hot Docs (Twofer Special)

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2 recent government documents of interest:

CACI International Inc (CACI) and the National Defense University (NDU) have released a report entitled "Dealing With Today's Asymmetric Threat to U.S. and Global Security: The Need for an Integrated National Asymmetric Threat Strategy." The report is an executive summary of a May 2008 symposium. It is hoped the report will stimulate conversation about the need to develop a new national defense and homeland security strategy which will address the threats related to everything from Islamic extremism to natural disaster.

It is interesting to note the disclaimer on this one: "This document is intended only as a summary of the personal remarks made by participants at the May 2008 symposium, 'Dealing with Today's Asymmetric Threat to U.S. and Global Security', co-sponsored by CACI International Inc (CACI) and the National Defense University (NDU). It does not necessarily reflect the views of CACI, NDU, or their officers and employees." Doesn't it make you want to read it and see why the compilers included it?

The report can be found at [http://www.caci.com/announcement/CACI\\_Asymmetric\\_Threat\\_paper.pdf](http://www.caci.com/announcement/CACI_Asymmetric_Threat_paper.pdf)

The latest Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction Quarterly Report to the United States Congress (October 30, 2008) has been released and is available at [http://www.sigr.mil/reports/quarterlyreports/Oct08/pdf/Report\\_-\\_October\\_2008.pdf](http://www.sigr.mil/reports/quarterlyreports/Oct08/pdf/Report_-_October_2008.pdf)

Their website blurb says "This penultimate quarter of the Year of Transfer witnessed the emergence of nascent normalcy in Iraq. As U.S. reconstruction assistance continued to target civil and military capacity building, Iraq achieved progress on the security, political, and economic fronts. Violent incidents dropped to their lowest levels since 2004; the long-awaited Provincial Election Law finally passed; and commercial activity, spurred by Iraq's oil-revenue windfall, continued to increase. But, as General Ray Odierno, the new Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq (MNF-I), recently noted, Iraq "was a failed state [in 2006]. In 2008, it's a fragile state. We've got to move it to a stable state." To sustain progress in this direction, Iraq must improve its provision of security and essential services, such as electricity, potable water, sewage systems, and health care services."

Previous reports can be found at <http://www.sigr.mil/reports/quarterlyreports/default.aspx>

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